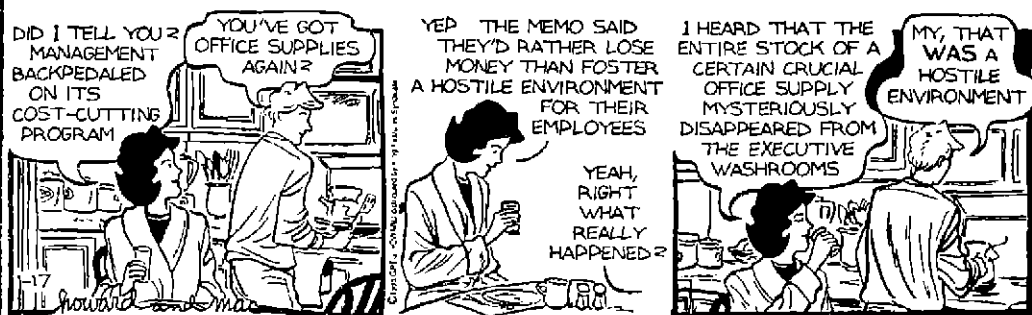


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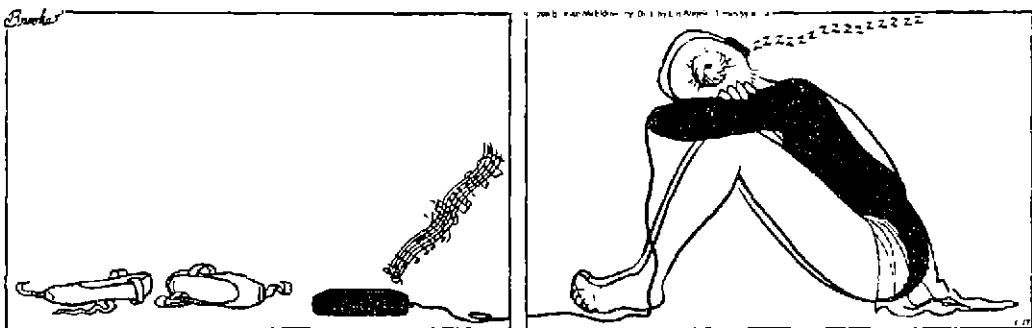
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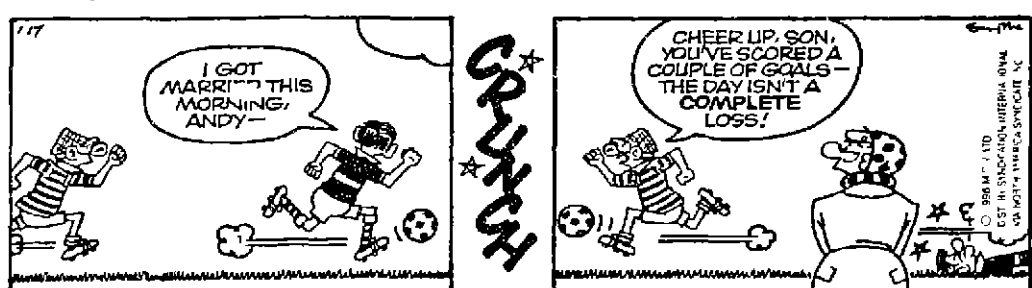
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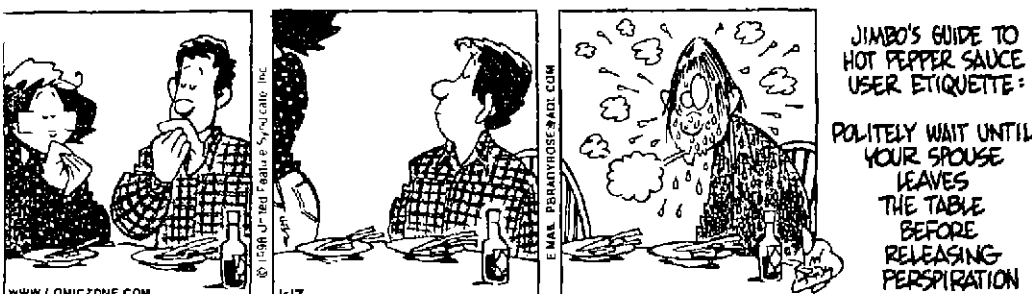
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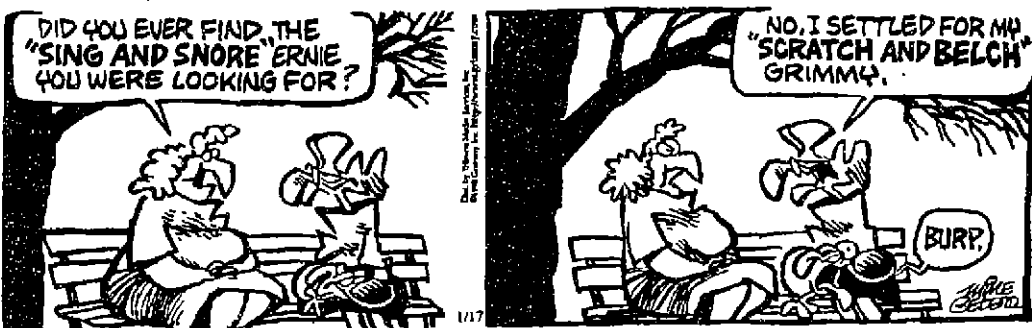
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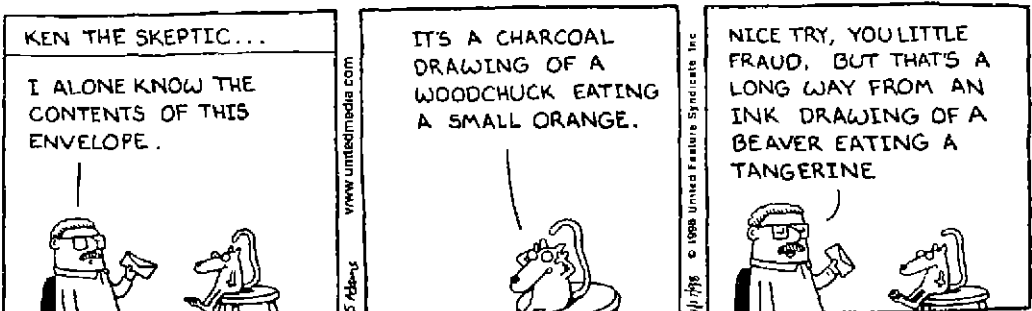
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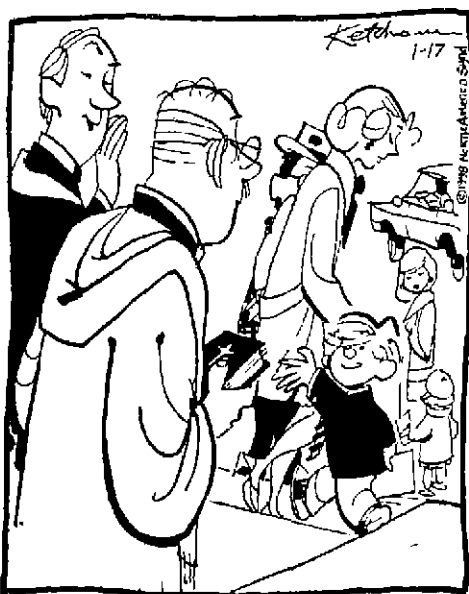
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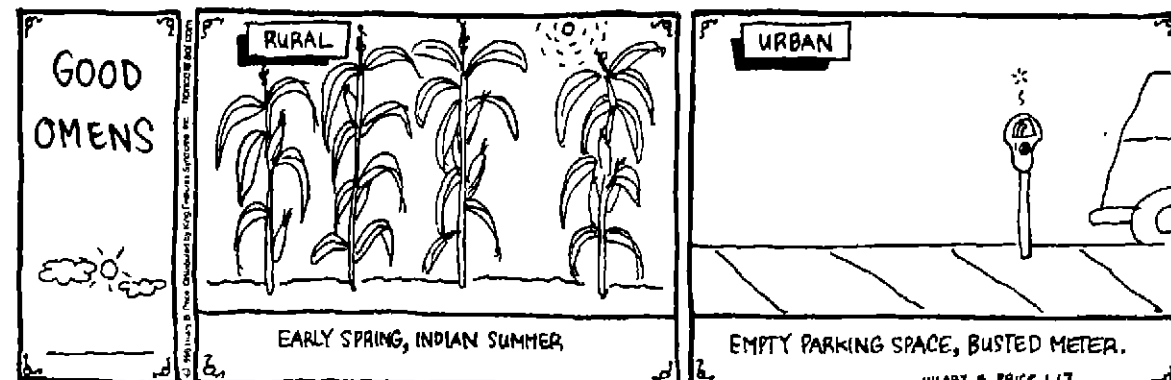
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FAMILY CIRCUS



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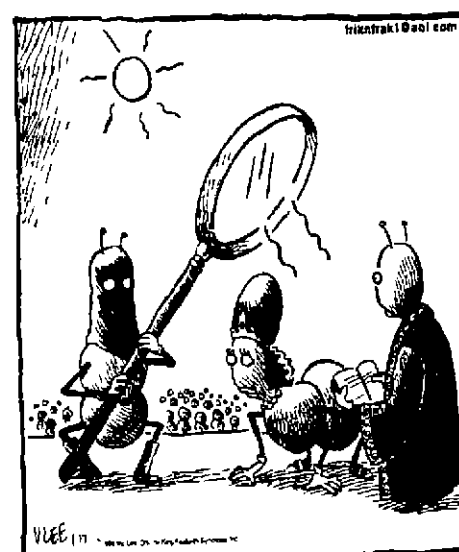
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Today's Birthdays

Actress **Betty White** is 76. Actor **James Earl Jones** is 67. Ventriloquist **Shari Lewis** is 64. Talk show host **Maury Povich** is 59. Former heavy-weight boxing champion **Muhammad Ali** is 56. Rhythm-and-blues singer **William Hart** (The Delfonics) is 53. Actor **David Caruso** is 42. Singer **Susan-n Hoffman** (The Bangles) is 41. Actor-comedian **Jim Carrey** is 36. Singer **Shabba Ranks** is 32.

I NEED HELP



SCRABBLE

G	R	I	Y	O	E	F	
X	N	T	E	O	S	T	3rd Letter Triple
W	Y	P	D	L	O	O	4th Letter Double
H	A	R	C	E	T	A	

PAR SCORE 145-155

FOUR RACK TOTAL

TIME LIMIT 20 MIN

DIRECTIONS: Make a 2 to 7 letter word from the letters in each row. Add points of each word using scoring directions at right. 7 letter words get 50 point bonus. "Blanks" used as any letter have no point value. All Judd's words are in The Official Scrabble Players Dictionary (Merriam Webster) and OSW Official Scrabble Words (Chambers). © 1998 United Feature Syndicate, Inc.

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WORD SLEUTH

Stock trading

O E B D X U Q N J G D Z W T Q
N K H D N A S D A Q A X U R P
M J G D A E X L V S Q N K I F
D A X R V T D E Q O M J H F C
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D B Z X V D W Y V C G L B T R
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U S R Q K S A T O L D N U O R

Friday's unlited clue: DUMBO

Find the listed words in the diagram. They run in all directions - forward, backward, up, down and diagonally.

Saturday's unlited clue hint Percentage Rate Of Return

Ask	Dividend	Low	OTC
Bid	Ex-dividend	Market	Puts
Calls	High	NASDAQ	co-star
Day order	Limit order	Odd lot	Round lot

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HOROSCOPE

For Sunday, Jan. 18, 1998

ARIES (March 21 to April 19) Some you deal with could be temperamental. Avoid getting into a dispute about an ideological matter.

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) You will resent it when someone tries to get you to work for less than your usual fee. Still, your financial picture will brighten in the long run.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) Minor friction is possible on the home front, but chalk it up to anxiety. New ideas make you feel good about yourself as you take stock for the future.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22) An older relative might need a cheerful greeting from you, so be sure to reach out.

LEO (July 23 to Aug. 22) Tact and diplomacy are needed in dealings with children who are asking for a bit too much from you.

VIRGO (Aug. 23 to Sept. 22) A money situation could be hanging over your head. Do not let temperamental undercut work efficiency.

LIBRA (Sept. 23 to Oct. 22) To insure relationship harmony, you must be sensitive to a partner's needs.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23 to Nov. 21) You're on the right track where work interests are concerned. Guard against overspending on frivolous items.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22 to Dec. 21) You feel a child isn't listening to you. Try not to get agitated. Instead, throw yourself into festive outings.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22 to Jan. 19) A family member needs extra consideration. Although the day's business developments will lead to future gains, an immediate task could cause you some difficulty.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20 to Feb. 18) A romantic interest needs reassurances that you care. A difficulty between a partner and a friend could bubble to the surface.

PISCES (Feb. 19 to March 20) Behind-the-scenes moves are best in business. A co-worker could be unduly sensitive for reasons unknown.

ACES ON BRIDGE

By Bobby Wolf

At a duplicate game, what would you do with today's South cards when the enemy reaches five diamonds before you have

NORTH 01 17 A

♦ 9 8 7 5

♥ Q 10 9

♦ 7 6

♦ Q 5 4 3

WEST EAST

♦ 3 ♦ 1 2

♥ A 7 4 ♥ J 8 6 5

♦ K Q J 10 9 8 5 3 ♦ A 4 2

♠ 2 ♠ J 10 9 6

SOUTH

♦ A K Q J 10 6

♥ A 3 2

♦ A K 8 7

Vulnerable Both

Dealer West

The bidding

West North East South

4 ♦ Pass 5 ♦ Pass 5 ♠

Pass Pass Pass Pass

Opening lead: Diamond king

leaving East with no escape. East must lead a diamond for a ruff and sluff or lead a heart. Either way, South loses only one heart and one club, scoring 650 points for a good score. The key to success is to ruff dummy's diamond before relinquishing the lead in clubs. Without the preparatory diamond ruff, South would have to play hearts himself. And if he doesn't guess right, he will lose two hearts and a club for one down.

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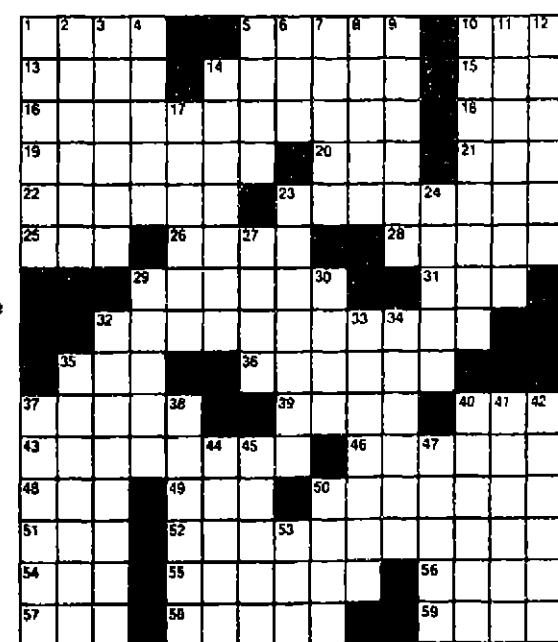
- Kind of sch
- Word with card or flood
- Presidential nickname
- Wheel hub
- Told
- Something to chew
- Daily newspaper features
- Dernier
- Lubrication spot
- Planning time
- Some bracelets
- Frontiersman who died at the Alamo
- Like the 1880's, e.g.
- Season of l'annee
- Place for a lecture
- It might be a reflection on you
- Parodied
- Pulls
- Today's theme, which will help answer the six italicized clues
- Directional suffix
- Sage
- Tobacco pipe
- Neuter
- Suffix in political studies
- Atmosphere
- Conspicuousness
- Retriever, for short
- Soft sound
- Some U F O 's
- et Amarna, Egypt
- Police message
- Clinch
- Seats without backs
- Salinger dedicatee
- Bank statement listings Abbr
- Approaching the hour
- 1994 Shirley MacLaine title role

DOWN

- Make secret
- It goes around around a roundup
- Develop
- Netted
- Disorient
- First name in fashion
- Freud contemporary
- Daryl's "Roxanne" co-star
- Firefighters, at times
- Fluke
- French wines
- Eponymic New Jersey city
- Small raisin
- French pockets
- Peacock's pride

ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE

FEMA JACKIECHAN
ANON EVANGELIZE
STUD REPELLENTS
TOR BORNEO ADES
PUNJAB OPTIC
ARIOSSO JOSTIE
CANE AJAX EDITS
EGG MANES VET
DESKS CINO JANE
LARKS UGANDA
DIEGO AMBLER
SURE VAPORS ERA
OPENSESAME SNIT
LINEEDRIVES ANIT
INEXISTENT OLES



Puzzle by David J. Kahn

- I can take
- Easy Monopoly purchase
- Modly
- Actually existing
- Upholstery fabrics
- Feudal lords
- Cape Fear actor
- List preceder
- Serenaders, possibly
- Single-handed
- Kitty

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